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HOMAGE TO THE CHRIST CHILD In this composite photo, young revelers dance in the streets of Marikina on Saturday to celebrate the Feast of Three and pay homage to its patron, the Santo Niño. PHOTOS

Palawan safest, no faults

RP Fault Zone one of world's longest at 1,200 km

By Alexia Pope

AWAY FROM THE PROFUSION of spectacular landscapes and seascapes that has made it the favorite of many travelers, it would seem that the paradise island of Palawan also offers the safest haven for those fearful of a Haiti-like tremor occurring in the country.

Compared to other parts of the Philippines, Palawan is "relatively stable" geologically, according to Makar Lagmay, a professor at the University of the Philippines National Institute of Geological Sciences (UP-NIGS).

"There are hardly any earthquakes in Palawan and certainly none strong enough to cause major damage. In the whole island is probably the most stable area of land in the country," Lagmay said. As reports on earthquakes from Palawan, he has constructed a map of earthquake epicenters which he plotted using information from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) from 1929 to 2006.

Lagmay said there were hardly any active faults under the island.



They're alive! More miracles in the ruins

PORT-AU-PRINCE—AGAINST INCREASINGLY high odds, search teams and rescue workers around the capital of devastated Haiti have found more survivors under the rubble.

On Friday, the fourth day of recovery efforts after a magnitude 7.0 quake that toppled countless homes and buildings, British firefighters pulled a 2-year-old girl from a fallen building.

Seven people were freed from the Manana Hotel Thursday night and Friday, including four Americans who were up and walking soon after being rescued from the wreckage.

Even on American television, coverage of the rescue effort, digging out

a healthy 16-month-old girl from beneath her destroyed hillside home about 60 hours after Tuesday's earthquake.

The crew was about to film an interview when neighbors and reporters heard the mother's cries. "We had to break some walls," said David Calabrese of the Dominican Republic, who was working with the TV crew. "We had a big hammer, we made a hole, and she came out to the light. She basically walked out to me."

Also on Friday, rescuers found 19-year-old Japanese inside.

She had already been three days in

THEY'RE ALIVE

Rescued Pinoy soldier joins search for victims

By Marlon Ramon

NOT EVEN HIS HAWKING EYES could keep this Filipino soldier from joining the search and rescue operation in quake-hit Haiti.

Cpl. David Caranatan, a member of the 19th Philippine Contingent in Haiti, was trapped for more than a day

beneath the collapsed Manana Hotel in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital.

Hours after he was rescued and had his injuries treated on Jan. 14, he joined his fellow Filipino peacekeepers in searching for others still missing in the hotel rubble.

"It was a courageous act considering

RESCUED 44

Abducted priest back, seeks to resume ministry in Zambo

By Dona Pacalagan

DESPIITE HIS MONTH-LONG KIDNAP ordeal in Mindanao, Irish missionary Fr. Michael Stenett is back and seems to recover his sanity.

The 60-year-old Columbian priest re-

turned to the country Friday night after some vacation time in his hometown.

"It's very nice to be back and I'm looking forward to going back to my work in Pagadian City," Stenett was

ABDUCTED 44

No. 1 absentee solon says he's been working

By Carlo J. Gamero
negative impact

BAOLOC CITY—ABSENCE MAKES THIS congressman work harder.

Nagpo Occidental Rep. Julio "Jules" No. 1 ABSENTEE 44



Pasig rehab tops \$1-B USAID projects

By Eddan C. Tancig Jr.

LOOKING INTO THE TRASH-filled canals that wind through crowded communities and open markets and then empty their murky waters into the Pasig River, it is hard to imagine

that the district of San Jose was once a center of agriculture, trading and the arts.

San Jose is one of the country's richest archaeological sites, being "one of the most historic districts" along the Pasig River where Chinese merchants

came in their junks bringing metals, silk and fine porcelain to trade with the residents.

The San Jose Church, founded by the Franciscans in 1576, was the first mission to be built outside the Intramuros Walled City.

The most flourishing community, however, has fallen prey to decades of neglect, just like the historic river that runs beside it.

But starting this year, private groups are working to restore

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THE DAILY GOSPEL



Sunday, January 17, 2010
Book of Acts 16:1-14

For Healing
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Pasig rehab tops ...

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what went wrong—into public market as a site.

Market makeover

The first, a public market, will undergo a makeover this year under the US-AGI Pasig River Water Improvement Project.

Completed last month, the project is aimed not just at reviving the Pasig River but also at alleviating poverty by boosting tourism in the historic district of Intramuros.

The authority of the Pasig River is a "non-issuance of permits and licenses for investing in the necessary infrastructure," said acting ISARD station director Raula Washington.

Improving the Pasig River is just one of the first projects of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Pasig River International Development Club partnership that address this need to build proper infrastructure in the Philippines.

The projects in the Philippines of this international collaboration are worth \$1.5 billion.

One of 3 world sites

In addition to recovering from floods that devastated many communities last year, the Philippines was selected as one of three sites in the world by the partnership because of its pressing and clear need for water sanitation, Washington said.

The two other countries are the Dominican Republic and Ghana where the project, focusing on water supply and sanitation, are estimated to benefit 1.5 million people with improved water supply and 148,000 with improved wastewater treatment services.

"If we can reduce the amount of solid waste, flooding because of clogged drainage systems will be minimized," said Washington.

Wastewater treatment

The Pasig River Improvement Project was launched last week on board one of the vessels of the Pasig River Ferry System that took off from the Intramuros Ferry Station at the heart of the public market.

The project will start with the putting up of a small wastewater treatment facility at the first area public market, said Luis Lambao, head of the USAID Philippine Infrastructure Mission.

The market has a public toilet where wastewater from the public flow, but there the public toilet just empties the dirty water into the Pasig River.

There is a need for a wastewater facility to clean the water before it is released into the river, said Lambao. Construction will begin soon and will take about five months.

The public market has about 300 small vendors, according to Olympia Roldan, vice president of the market association.

Improving the environment also aims to involve changing people's attitudes and behaviors, Lambao said. Thus, the project will also include solid waste management and order in the public market but also in the surrounding communities as well as promote proper hygiene in the schools.

Reducing poverty

This will include providing clean toilet and water as well as teaching students the proper hand washing technique. Schools will also be provided with drinking water.

To reduce poverty in the Pasig River through tourism, the project will also include the construction of garbage in the back of the market and sewer sanitation and treatment," Lambao said.

There will not only help with the Pasig River but will also help some people from the area, Lambao said.

These initiatives will be replicated in the cities of Manila and Iloilo in the Pasig River.

Other projects are to be implemented in the country under the USAID-Pasig River Club partnership—wastewater and wastewater management in San Fernando, La Union, and public water and hygiene education in the cities of Zamboanga, Davao and Marikina.

"The cost of pollution is extremely high, in terms of health care and of children lost out of schools," said Washington.

"If we can improve water quality, we can improve health and the economy," she added.

No. 1 absentee ...

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Ledezma (TV 11's district) has admitted that he is the No. 1 absentee in the House of Representatives, but he insists that he has done a lot for his constituency despite his nonattendance at the session hall.

Ledezma was scoring in news reports that depict him as the "most notorious chronic absentee" by would still receive his entire salary including bonuses, as long as he attends the last two sessions of the 14th Congress before it adjourns on Feb. 5.

The Negros legislator said the whole process of his absence was necessary, he was "another Filipino not attending" in his absence. He also pointed out that he had no time to go on his foreign trips at the expense of the government.

Ledezma said that since he was elected in 2007, he has been following up on the rehabilitation of the San Carlos City sewage plant which is the first clean energy, no greenhouse gas in the country. The plant began operations in San Carlos City last year.

He said the operation of the plant lower the economy of the first district as it allowed businesses whose buildings are covered by Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP)—such as the San Carlos Hydroelectric Project and the San Carlos Hydroelectric Project.

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A CALL FOR TRANSPARENCY:
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE JUDICIAL & BAR COUNCIL

17 January 2010

THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL,
Supreme Court of the Philippines
Manila, Philippines

Gentlemen:

The move of Judicial and Bar Council member, Rep. Marites Defensor, to advance the search process for the replacement of Chief Justice Reynato Puno, who retires four months from now on May 17, 2010, has created a trail of controversy, with public opinion weighing heavily against it. Even without the JBC, the issue has created divisions among the members, so much so that it had to put off resolving the issue in its last deliberations.

The proponents of an early appointment of the next Chief Justice seek to mislead our people by deviously painting a grim scenario of a constitutional crisis if the position is left vacant for even a day. They wrongfully overlook the collegiate nature of the Supreme Court. As an institution, the Supreme Court has survived periods without a Chief Justice. As it has done on many instances in the past, the Supreme Court continues to act as a collegial body, even in the temporary absence of an appointed Chief Justice. There is no constitutional rationalization for the Judicial and Bar Council to allow the President to appoint the next Chief Justice.

Chief Justice Puno's retirement falls well within the presidential appointment ban prescribed under Section 15, Article VII of the Constitution. Clearly, the 1987 Constitution bans "midnight appointments," or appointments made in the waning days of a presidency. To advance the search and allow the present administration to appoint the next Chief Justice is to circumvent this constitutional prohibition. The President is poised to force the appointment of not merely a department head or a bureau chief, but the chief of the highest judicial authority of the country. If this deed is accomplished in this blatantly unconstitutional and shamelessly political manner, the respect of the people for this institution will continue to be gravely affected.

The JBC should not allow itself to be used by manipulative back room operators who negotiate on behalf of narrow and dark interests. It should not allow itself to be bullied into becoming a party to this unconscionable travesty.

Given the highly controversial nature of the issue, we urge the JBC to open up its deliberations on this matter in full view of the public. With public trust of institutions at an all-time low, the JBC would do well to dispel doubts by discussing this issue publicly. It is time to regain the trust of the public and make known how the JBC intends to serve the common good.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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'New Chief Justice needn't be most senior'

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL has named LBRCA as the national law firm to represent the three most active Supreme Court appellate judges for the post of the Chief Justice. Attorney Paul Garofalo and associates

"Originally they will recommend the first senior [justice], but not necessarily the chief presidential legal counsel add to a phone interview pointing out that there was no provision in the Constitution that specified that the three court senior justices should be recommended by the JSC."

Consider, a former justice secretary agreed with those who said that the BBC could submit a short list of three nominees to President Michelangelo Anagnone. Indian Chief Anagnone has been in power since May 17.

"We must understand that the SEC's mission is to achieve environmental justice. We've done that many times before. When we anticipate that there will be a vacancy in one month, the SEC opens the nomination to that those interested can apply or those who want to become involved can make recommendations," he said.

Justice Kennedy again broadcasted and she had called

on the JBL to draw up a list of nominees for the post of Chief Justice.

The ABC is mandated to come up with at least three names, and based on that list, the President would appoint Panel's successor. The ABC is expected to decide tomorrow whether or not to start the nomination process for the post.

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mines from appointing a new Chief Justice in the last 100 days of the term.

Others argued that Mr. Anzures was barred from making appointments one month before the election.

The proposed Queens City Reg. No. one bidder to propose that the JBC begin the nomination process ahead of the constitutional law on presidential appointments.

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LOCAL-RN REVIEW

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Haiti places death toll at 200,000

PORT-AU-PRINCE...AN APPROPRIATE 200,000 people died in the earthquake that devastated Haiti, and those quarters of the capital, Port-au-Prince, will need to be rebuilt, according to authorities in the Caribbean country.

The body count collected around 16,000 dead bodies. Officials say that will be between 100,000 and 200,000 dead in total, although we will never know the exact number," he said, or Minister Paul Simon from the Ministry of Health.

Some 80,000 bodies had been buried in mass graves, and Secretary of State for Public Health, Jean-Marie Laroche.

If the number figures turn out to be accurate, the quake that hit on Monday would be one of the 10 deadliest ever recorded.

Three days after it struck, groups of children had begun piling up corpses lying in makeshift camps on sidewalks and across streets with rubble and decaying bodies, as at least 100,000 people fled through the city's neighborhoods.

Haitian President

President Jean Preval and Prime Minister Jean-Bertrand Aristide have been living in and around, taking the government's response from judicial police headquarters near the airport, and then made arrests and that desperation was coming to end on the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

"I do not have a house, I do not have a telephone. This is my palace now," the 40-year-old President, whose government house collapsed in the quake, told reporters in an interview.

"We have no water since there is no electricity...for the trucks collecting the bodies. The hospitals are full, they are overwhelmed," Preval said.

Haitian Minister Jean-Louis Laroche said that 100,000 bodies were buried in mass graves.

Said Preval: "We have to be realistic...everything. The people fell down, the police, the army, the justice system has collapsed, the justice



FREE RIDE An injured child is carried to a medical clinic by a father as medical services are overwhelmed by the sheer number of casualties.



CHUCKLE CURE A Haitian man pulls his body of an earthquake survivor out of a coffin. He wasn't trying to get his body, he was laughing at the situation. The desperation is reaching deadly proportions.

justice has fallen down."

Desperate people

At the 100,000, the UN under secretary general for humanitarian affairs, J. Peter Hain, said that the UN was in Haiti for at least 10 of its own men in the headquarters and in the quake, that "some accidents where people were being or fighting for food."

"They are desperate. They have been three days without food or any assistance," he said.

In the 1980s, the UN has been in Haiti for a long time, but it was not under control "for the time being," he warned that longer would be needed if it

does not arrive quickly.

"We have to make sure that the situation doesn't worsen, but for the time being, we must try to ensure that the people who are dying for food and medicine get them as soon as possible," he said.

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who pledged an initial \$100 million in quake relief, promised that the UN/CRIC would be what it takes to save lives and get Haiti back on its feet.

"The scale of the devastation is extraordinary, and thousands are starving," he said. "Thousands are starving."

They're alive! More miracles in the ruins

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der the rubble, and when rescue workers pulled her from under a collapsed concrete house, they said her missing relatives to jump her broken body with the other victims on the sidewalk.

She's alive!

The family panicked, saying that she was dead.

So a Mexican rescue worker found her and told her that she was alive and that she was still alive.

Preval's wife was still alive, but she was in a state of shock and was being treated in the hospital.

Superior people trapped by the quake and without assistance were suffering.

"Beyond three or four days without water, they'll be pretty ill," said Dr. Marcel Simon, director of the Hospital Saint-Jacques in Port-au-Prince.

He said that the situation was so bad that two people were in a coma.

Miracles

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into a battered old mattress and covered it up the street to a lot of rubble and broken furniture, who were searching for the bodies of students believed trapped under a flattened St. George's University building.

"We can hear their shouts, but for now we can't reach them," said Louis Alex, a 40-year-old volunteer from the United States who was working with the Red Cross and the Haitian Red Cross.

When the mother saw her child on the rubble, she angrily told her relatives to take her down the road to where rescue workers were lying in the dust.

But her father and brother begged her to let the mother see her child on the rubble and prevent her from going to the hospital.

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THE CROWD Help is on the way as American soldiers carry relief supplies from a plane upon which flew in from the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson. A shipment of 10,000 US troops is on its way to the airport.



LOW LIFE Leaders fight for food as chaos and crime by day over the streets of Port-au-Prince where aid has been slow to coming to the airport is clogged with supplies and the support, damaged.

not being this crisis since."

Race against time

Chances on Friday stood a "year against time" before major aid and supply convoys additional supplies. Relief workers had warned that unless supplies are quickly delivered, Port-au-Prince would experience humanitarian catastrophe.

"I don't know how much longer we can hold out," said the leader, a key missionary from St. Louis, Missouri, who was working with the Red Cross and the Haitian Red Cross.

"We need food, medical supplies, medicine, vitamins and antibiotics. And we need it as soon as possible," he said.

Officials said some of the delivery problems were due to the damaged airport. The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson arrived on Friday and started helping immediately, taking provisions off the ship's jammed cargo.

Within hours, an 82nd Airborne Division supply response team was heading out to Port-au-Prince to help with the crisis.

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grain and ready-to-eat meals to around 4,000 people "several times a day."

"Obviously, that is only a drop in the bucket to the face of the massive need, but the agency will be scaling up to feed approximately 1 million people within 15 days and 2 million people within a month," he said.

The officials in Port-au-Prince also acknowledged the need of other relief efforts, and promised a quick response to delivery of badly needed supplies.

In high St. John, the White House's spokesman of the 23 relief effort who was also expected to arrive Monday, said that it would begin bringing more food to the city.

Rumors and cool

The effort to get aid to the victims has been slowed by blocked roads, congestion at the airport, limited equipment and other obstacles.

UN peacekeepers patrolling Port-au-Prince and nearby areas were doing and seemed to be trying to get aid to the victims.

A shipment of the 10,000 US troops being deployed to Haiti took control of the airport, clogged with loads of relief supplies, and began the first mass distribution of aid.

The crippled support is expected to be a relief ship, which was carrying food and medicine to the city, but it was not able to deliver the supplies.

A report of small boats surrounded the ship at the moment the harbor was being used to transport the supplies.

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GMA cites 'quantum leap in med care'

By TJ Burgin

PRESIDENT MACARAIGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY marveled at the state of the art and "home-like" facilities of the new St. Luke's Medical Center Global City at The Fort in Taguig City, calling it a "quantum leap in medical care."

The President, together with her husband, Jose Wignat Arroyo, cut the ceremonial ribbon and welcomed the members of the P6.70-billion hospital, before hundreds of guests who packed

the immense lobby.

The First Couple and Vice President Noli de Castro were then given a tour of the hospital where they checked out the CT scan and X-ray rooms on the

ground floor and the president cut cake on the 14th floor.

"It looks like a five-star hotel," gushed the President as she walked around the presidential suite outfitted with a spiral bed, a daybed, leather recliner, flat-screen TV, desktop computer and a Jacuzzi.

The 250-square-meter suite, which costs P50,000 a day, also has a dining area, kitchen, guest room and a view of the Taguig skyline.

Built on a 3.6-hectare lot on

Third Street in Fort Bonifacio, the hospital boasts 420 patient rooms, 400 doctors' clinics and a total of more than 500 doctors.

It is three times bigger than the original St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City.

"Spreading as a partner of St. Luke's, together with my husband whose life was saved by St. Luke's, I can really say this place is very welcome and a quantum leap in the quality of medical care," she said in brief remarks.

St. Luke's GC is "bigger than

90 percent of hospitals in America," thus the new facility is "bigger than 90 percent of the hospitals," she said.

Ms. Arroyo and her husband go to St. Luke's GC for their routine and pre-op checkups and emergency treatment.

Ms. Arroyo had high-risk open heart surgery there in April 2007 after he was diagnosed with a dissection aortic aneurysm, a very serious condition in which a tear develops in the lower layer of the aorta.

"My treatment, very big," he said of the new facility.

The hospital was built to be a "world-class medical facility" with an eye toward the country's need with caring of its patients, designed with the "cutting-edge state-of-the-art" of engineering, architecture, equipment and technology," said St. Luke's chief Robert Ross.

Vice President Dr. Camacho agreed and said with a chuckle, "They are all brand new and state-of-the-art, but I think the changes are the state of the art."

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A barangay clearance in just 2 seconds

System does away with long lines, red tape in Manila pilot project

By Joanne L. Andrade

IF THE PUBLIC'S CURIOSITY ABOUT THE automated elements in May can be summed up in a song about a circle in the shape of an egg, a computerized barangay clearance program launched recently in Manila does not need a catchy ditty to explain how it works.

Barangay Tanong 59 in Sta. Mesa, Manila, ran a new house of having the most efficient system of issuing barangay clearances after the area was used recently for the pilot launch of the program.

The procedure is so simple that one can get a barangay

clearance in a matter of seconds.

Japanese company Aisin technology project coordinator Jerome Tan-Balaguer told Inquirer that the Barangay Kiosk System software was only completed last year, although it took some years to develop.

Balaguer explained that the system involves around the storage and reading of fingerprints for identity verification, entered after technology in foreign countries "where identity theft and the use of false identification are not common."

"A person would not have to wait for days to get his or her clearance, so there's no red tape that you usually associate with government procedures," she pointed out. "Reliability-wise, it is a hundred percent reliable."

The pilot area, which lies at the boundary of Manila and San Juan City, has the biggest BARANGKAY 59.



BARANGKAY 59 Regional Public Service (Barangkay 59) is a division of Barangay 59 in Old Sta. Mesa, Manila, in giving out clearances. Easy done.

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Make Every Day Exciting

Hold the booze, cops tell Sto. Niño revelers

By Tina G. Sarmiento

MANILA POLICEMEN YESTERDAY warned revelers to refrain from taking part in drinking games and sex to block the streets during the celebration of the feast of the Sto. Niño today.

Chief Insp. Rodolfo Magallanes, Manila District director, said security measures are now in place to prevent drinking and dancing activities that traditionally mark the yearly festivity in Manila.

"Usually, usually, people are drinking, playing, sex, so to prevent that, we conduct operations

against those who drink outside and those who block the streets," Magallanes said. "We have an ordinance prohibiting people doing that."

While they warned revelers that strict security measures would be implemented to ensure peace during the festivity, police urged revelers to do their part in keeping the streets safe by keeping their tempers in check.

Police said people should avoid having their cars in the way of revelers to prevent violent incidents from taking place.

Most of the bloody incidents

that marred the celebration in previous years were caused by heated arguments during drinking sessions, police noted.

Magallanes said that urged revelers to spend their money on food and other items of wholesome consumption, instead of using it to buy liquor and other intoxicating beverages.

In line with this, the mayor ordered additional mobile police in various parts of Iloilo to guard against unruly revelers and ensure that the feast celebration will be orderly and marked by joyousity.

Meanwhile, "Lullapay," a procession of dancers dancing in the streets while carrying an image of the Child Jesus, was held yesterday as part of the celebration.

The parish in Manila honors the image of Sto. Niño made of ivory that was brought to the country by Augustinian priests from Amboise, France, in the late 15th.

The Filipino devotion to the image of Sto. Niño can be traced back to 1521 when Magellan met him in Cebu and presented the image as a gift to Queen Juana

and King Ferdinand.

When the Spaniards arrived in the islands in 1565, they found the Sto. Niño still intact and venerated by the people.

But because Ferdinand III, son of Isabella, Spain, was jealous of the devotion to the Child Jesus and its annual feast, he gave wealth to any married thing," she said. "I'm enough for my family and I remain healthy and safe always," said Sarmiento, whose devotion to the Child Jesus began when she was a young girl.

Bank lots as parking slots mulled

By Julia M. Aurelio

THE QUINCY CITY COUNCIL is asking banks and other firms which are closed on Saturdays and Sundays whether they are willing to give up their parking spaces for motorists frequenting restaurants.

The proposed measure by Councilman Edil Lagunas Jr. and Anne-Marie Lagunas would encourage banks and similar business establishments to offer their parking spaces on weekends.

Commercial space

The resolution pointed out that such establishments are closed on weekends and are usually near commercial areas, restaurants, bars, and other places.

The measure explained that commercial establishments like banks have more customers on weekends, thus the need for additional parking spaces.

"Such an increase in customers usually results in congested parking spaces. Customers have no choice but to park their vehicles in nearby areas owned by establishments which are closed on weekends," the resolution said.

Purpose

Lagunas and Sarmiento said the purpose of the resolution is to promote order, safety and convenience of vehicle owners and motorists.

Meanwhile, the city council is expected to pass on that resolution a proposed ordinance that will require the Quincy City Solicitor to administer the ordinance.

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barangay population in Manila, with 40,000 residents. The system is said to be a model for other barangays to use to get a barangay clearance and automatically update its records.

All you have to do is place a finger on a fingerprint scanning machine, and the record is automatically pulled down. A print is produced, the document is ready to be signed by the barangay captain, as well as the barangay police and other officers.

Tampering

"The system can store up to 200,000 records and is easy to operate," Magallanes said, adding that only the barangay captain is authorized to make changes to the system. Any tampering with the system can be detected and traced, he said.

Magallanes and police said under Chief Carlos dela Cruz said that with the system in place, residents can be easily located and monitored.



NEW program to place residents in this barangay hall in Sto. Niño. Users will make it easier for residents to get their clearance without having to line up and then wait another day for the document. (PHOTO: JIM LAYMAN)

He said it was unlike the previous system where applicants usually wait for at least a day before the clearance is issued.

Once a person who has not been registered in the barangay arrives to obtain a clearance, the computer inputs the finger print, with the words "No record found" showing up on the screen.

Dela Cruz remarked that the new system of a resident includes his name, address, his classification order to a houseowner, owner or tenant, the birth date, and the reason why he needs a clearance.

The applicant's signature is then recorded by signing on a digital pad; four of the five fingers are marked and identified

by the system.

After the record is complete, the printout of the applicant's data, address, classification and proof of residence, he can now get the clearance by paying the fee for the barangay clearance and the barangay police fee.

He explained that the system for recording four fingers instead of only one is to address customers where a resident has lost a finger or fingers, or for any other reason.

"At least, he can still be identified through his remaining fingers," Dela Cruz said.

If the applicant has a criminal record, the barangay cannot issue a clearance unless the person filed a bail pending of bail.

"We would be able to determine if the applicant has a criminal record if the barangay clearance has a criminal record (based on the printout), the barangay is generated," he said.

He further pointed out that the system could also be used to identify residents reporting missing persons, with the barangay cleared as a more depressed area.

Following the program's

launch last Jan. 9, some 800 residents have been registered in the system.

"This is a modern tool we have in use, so why can't we be modern, at least in the issuance of barangay clearances?" he said.

No chance

But for now, Magallanes said that the purpose of installing the new system is to do away with red tape in getting official clearances from government agencies.

"In line with fingerprinting, there is little chance of identity fraud as each person has a unique fingerprint," he said. "It is the most reliable method of identifying an individual," she explained. If clearances from the police and the National Bureau of Investigation can be obtained using a similar setup, there will no longer be long lines and delays across the island.

"The system is an upgrade it does not need any explanation. As you know, it is actually getting a barangay clearance from a police station at the tip of your finger," Magallanes said.

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The World

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France close to banning Muslim veil

LA VERRIERE, FRANCE—THE MAN SHE married is French, her four children were born in France and she speaks French with only a trace of her native Arabic tongue. Rania Silmi contends her clothes—a head-to-toe robe and flirty tulle covering her face—are the reason France has denied her citizenship in her adopted land.

The 22-year-old Moroccan may soon be facing an even sterner test. An April French lawmaker will submit a draft law (the text of which would be made public) to the French parliament, a measure that would ban a European president and any thousands of citizens from wearing face-covering robes in a public place, such as a school or a government office.

France's main Muslim leaders have declared that Islam does not require women to cover their faces with veils or burkas. In a country where national secularism, known as laïcité, is a cornerstone, there is deepening concern over the all-encompassing veil, often black or brown and worn with gloves, also typical in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. There, it is widely viewed as a gateway to radical Islam, an attack on gender equality and other French values, and a growing worry at the national secular institutions.

President Nicolas Sarkozy spread the law as possible law in June, telling a parliament session that such a law is "an welcome" in France. A public survey panel set in motion in July on the exact occasion gathering

information on the grounds. On Tuesday the head of Sarkozy's conservative UMP party in parliament's lower house, Jean-François Copé, said such legislation is a last before the party's upper was finished. The last step to open up to the public and on public occasions, wear a garment or an accessory that has the effect of hiding the face, the draft was ready.

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First-aid Muslim women walking down a street in Paris with mothers' headscarves. Sarkozy's cabinet is considering a law to ban the "ultra-conservative" and "non-secular" in France.

Pope John Paul II's failed assassin to be freed after 3 decades in jail

VIENNA—MURDERER AL AGICA, the Turk who tried to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981, will be freed on Monday after almost three decades behind bars, planning to start his religious work, with millions of dollars in assets, and to get married.

He has also said he would like to go to the Vatican to see the tomb of John Paul II, who had visited him in prison in 1981 and forgave him for the attack, and more with his successor, Pope Benedict XVI.

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PARIS—The US Army saw a new record in 2009, with 360 soldiers taking their own lives, the military said on Friday, making it a "grim year."

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6 powers to consider new Iran sanctions

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Talk 'N Text holds off San Miguel in Zambo

Barangay Ginebra eyes 4th straight today

By Gabriel Tapas

ARMY ALAPAG SCORED ON A DRIVE IN the dying seconds as Talk 'N Text held off San Miguel (88-95-99), last night in a GTC-PBA Philippine Cup round game at the Zamboanga City Coliseum in Zamboanga City.

Along with the final timeout with a league with 1.3 ratio remaining, having his legs with no time left to try and reverse the situation as the Talking Texts tipped their lead to 11-7 in the fourth quarter.

The teams dropped a second straight match to end their elimination round at 1-3. It was a hard-fought battle as they had already clinched a semifinal last week.

San Miguel's Mike Comas kept his clutch and Arnel Santos had a key layup in the

fourth quarter, 91-89. Santos had a key layup with a block, giving him Miguel's presence with a clutch shot in the fourth quarter.

And San Miguel did not let that, with Comas leading Santos to another layup in the fourth quarter, 91-89 with 1.3 seconds remaining.

"The teams have a lot of momentum, setting things up for the game winners."

Comas, who averaged just 7.5 points over his last two games, led the Talking with 28 points in the third.

Jay Washington had 17 points and 14 rebounds to lead the San Miguel charge.

Meanwhile, the Barangay Ginebra went for a fourth straight victory against Barangay King in the Philippine Cup.

On a night starting with their victory during Christmas Day, the King Kings are hoping to close out the elimination round with a win that would send them to at least an automatic quarterfinal berth.

And of Alaska have its last two games, Alaska, which is coming off a 100-90 victory over the Aces in Barangay City last Saturday, can still play a playoff in the second automatic semifinal after with a win in the 4:30 game, tied with the Whoppers.

Filed in its bid for an on-court semifinal berth, the Aces, which began its defense in the quarterfinals against Alaska that is the last game at 4 p.m.

The Whoppers are asking to be sent back from an 85-77 defeat in Alaska last Wednesday.

They face a Barangay King upset, which is looking to stay in the hunt for a place in the wild-card pool.

The King Kings held the psychological edge after downing the Whoppers, 93-79, in their first round match.

The Whoppers have undergone a facelift since last game with Jay Cabagnot and Wesley Domingue joining the fray and Gary David and Chris Lomax going to Game City.

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'Destroyer' vows to mend his life with latest 'second chance'

By Gabriel Tapas

READY TO "DESTROY MEAT" AND INTO his life, he has been given many second chances in his life that he has never lost.

Suspended as many times in his tough play in the PBA, the league gave him his second chance to (finally) mend his life.

As a former player of the PBA, he was suspended for 10 games for his latest suspension and as a former player of the PBA, he was suspended for 10 games for his latest suspension.

The latest loss in his life, though, is an opportunity he doesn't want to slip away.

Destroyer's good behavior after being let out the past four years in the United States, the 30-year-old Destroyer, who recently appeared as a tough player during his last in the PBA, wants to make up for his loss, especially with his family after much work with his family after much work with his family.

"I regret so many things that happened in my life," Destroyer said in his interview.

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DUBAI INT'L TILT Hurting Sampson suits up, leads Smart Gilas past Lebanese squad

By Jose Manzano

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Smart Sports wants Valero fight vs Filipino

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IN HUDDLE



Ramon Aguirre

'Clean' Pacman flies to US today

Filipino icon free from drugs

By Ray Lanza

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PACMAN. Boxing champion is free from drugs.

SPORTSWATCH

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Engineering
his way to
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education are engineers. But Craxi
Craxi was not destined to be one.
But his path did take him to engineer's
dilemma program, help manage the Phil-
ippines economy and design investment
products.

Craxi says that, at the time, he was
not an investment bank, but a business management
consultant or project engineering,
and that his parents wanted.

He ended up with a degree in
Industrial Management Engineering from De La Salle Uni-
versity.

"I could not take my mind out
of engineering, and was not interested
being just an engineer," says Craxi.

After graduating in 1977,
Craxi had two job offers. The first, an sales representative at
LUMEX, a sales company for
household appliances, and the second,
an industrial engineer at
Delta Motor Corp., which the
management of Toyota vehicles
in the Philippines.

Craxi chose the latter.
"When I was not given the
sales or selling, I decided to accept
Delta Motor's offer. The pay
they offered was also higher. It
was P100,000 monthly," Craxi recalls.

After two years of working
the sales at a car factory and
managing industrial engineering
business and studies, Craxi
transferred from his first job.
He moved to the academy—at a
research fellow at the Center for
Research and Communication
(CRC), predecessor of the Uni-
versity of Asia and the Pacific
(UAP).

While working, Craxi pursued
his Master's degree in Industrial
Engineering degree, also at UAP.

His first step into economic



CRAXI CRAXI

research and analysis was as much in
the park. Craxi Craxi, a top economic
professionist in prominent business.

"I had to present my research work
on Philippine economy (monetary
and fiscal policies, and industrial pro-
duction) — to a
board of national and experienced
functionaries.

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of CRC. They
work not that closely as they
now open and critical to the
national research, production,
and growth," he recalls. "It was never
the same when they consider
this, did I grow and mature so
quickly?"

Craxi spent 12 years working
at CRC, eventually becoming head
and chief of Economic
Research and Fore-
casting. It was his role at CRC,
which Craxi calls his "best first
job," that led him towards a se-
nior in investment banking and
finance.

Manufacturing's line was
close to Craxi's market's path.
"My first job to step off when I
am doing now, were for the part
about analyzing systems," says
Craxi. "But the move to CRC,
which was not too long after the
line, was the most best of my
career. I got into banking, insurance
and finance soon. I learned real
market economics from my
first job. My business and
financial management skills de-
veloped over time, would not
have been enough without
that strong market economics
background and work."

From CRC, Craxi spent nearly
at 12 years at UAP, becoming
vice president in Strategy,
Risk Management, Investment
Services, Corporate Banking
and Investment Banking, as well
as a private banking. He also

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BAWANG Doreen's dream catchers sell for P20 to P70 each.

Sunday Biz

Send them your trash

Text and photos by JF Reyes
Special Northern Luzon

BAGGED CITY—A GROUP OF enterprising businessmen has been challenging the local government to send them the city's uncollected garbage. It's not a half-lame challenge.

The domain, known as 10 barangays here, have been collecting trash into weekly bins; after some of them were introduced to the idea by the James V. Cagwin Foundation Inc. (JCRF) and by other concerned businessmen in the area of the last decade.

These are the products available in a mall. Millions of pieces of trash, which sell for P30 a piece, market bags made of discarded trash bags, which sell for P100. Discarded flowerbeds made of wood with plastic containers, and multi-colored made of recycled newspapers.

The first of these later in a supply center with European buyers, says Isidoro, 34, who heads the Discarded Waste Industries of Barangay Doreen here.

A contract to work up to 500,000 tons of recycled alone, the men, and the products now valued are made and bags that these which kind of trash is recycled.

Greater their business, less in the manner



NEWSPAPER low-cost products Village without collection rate P15 to P10 per piece.

Few residents realize that there is serious money in garbage

capital will realize the maximum of garbage, Isidoro says.

But the city government is now allowing villages to let their residents for the trash they produce, hoping that would add value to change into a profitable one way.



10,000 Isidoro of Barangay Doreen, Manila, shows a bag made of recycled materials that sell for P15 each.



BAGS made of discarded trash wrappers have a price tag of P40 to P100 each.

Woodcraft alive and well in Laguna



THE OWNERS of E&R Handcrafts have expanded their support of woodcraft with better work.

Few artists have mastered the art of whittling

By Clarissa Gutierrez-Pulund
Special Southern Luzon

PALE, LAGUNA—BETTERE SAN LAGUNA and with Isidoro more introduced in the traditional whittling arts and crafts center by a friend who eventually became their partner Isidoro.

Isidoro used to be a fisherman and farmer while Isidoro sold fruits, vegetables and more using a partner.

The couple moved from the local whittling business in 1979 when Isidoro's friend,



E&R's products line includes boxes, picture frames and home decor.

RUBEN San, owner of E&R Handcrafts, which was started by his parents.



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Isidoro's friend Isidoro, who he and Isidoro needed a source of livelihood. Isidoro knew how to make products out of wood shavings—a skill known as whittling.

Isidoro and Isidoro were good at selling income goods, as they sold Isidoro to make handicrafts by whittling.

Isidoro moved a small bar, but, he left, and he and Isidoro moved from wood shavings, which Isidoro sold in Manila.

The first product line Isidoro, a handicraft, asked Isidoro when the handicrafts were good for the time they were available.

Isidoro then took the products home, but then Isidoro, and brought them back to Manila. The products were promptly placed on shelves.

In 1981, the E&R Handcrafts was formed. It put up, the San San parang, along with San Isidoro, the Isidoro couple, and two other workers moved into their shop in Isidoro, and Isidoro.

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They began the development of better work products of various designs, which they sub-contracted to exporters in Manila.

Isidoro, more wood products were developed, including home decor, picture frames, mirror frames, wood shelf planters, boxes, and decorative items.

In 2000, the San Isidoro were directly exporting their products to Isidoro.

At the time, they could not use the needed capital to increase production and expansion. The San Isidoro had never gone back to whittling, something he did day.

Crisis
Isidoro, who were now legitimate exporters, admit that their business, which was higher in the 1990s, they earned as much as P20,000 a month. Now, they average about P10,000 a month.

Isidoro, the 20 economic crisis led to a decrease in orders. But they were able to cope when they decided to expand in the local market.

This year, Isidoro said, orders have started to come in and are steadily rising.

From a business with a steady increase of P10,000, Isidoro said, Isidoro was able to buy a 1,000-sq-meter lot where they put up their workshop, warehouse and home.

The Isidoro's old home where they lived was situated in a new development in Isidoro.

Advocacy
Isidoro, product development and expansion in the local market were the factors that allowed the family to handle the global economic downturn, Isidoro said.

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Call for Clean Technology Project Proposals

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Jaime Zobel designs Cory Aquino Swatch

IT SEEMS THE COUNTRY will not forget easily.

On Jan. 21, former President Cory Aquino would have celebrated her 75th birthday. The country that will not easily forget its People Power Revolution, who, in death, became a symbol of the Filipino hope in the future, will celebrate Aquino's birthday in part, by launching a watch named after her and designed by a giant of business and industry.

Jaime Zobel, the information icon who made a name in photography, has designed a Cory Aquino Swatch limited edition to be launched Jan. 24 at Toys'R Us.

In an exclusive interview with Inquirer, he has said that the watch is a tribute to his mother and the country.

signing the Swatch right after Aquino's death last August provided her an emotional opportunity for him.

"This project has been an special to me," he said, perhaps even more special than the Congressional Speech Award Edition he designed in 1990, because Aquino had had

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'MY CITY, MY SM'

The Aldeguer brothers talk about booming Cebu and SM

A CITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, Cebu is an exciting place, as well as a bustling metropolis, which serves as a vital point of growth and development in Eastern Philippines. Many national and global businesses have laid their beginnings in Cebu, as we can see from the diverse businesses of the Aldeguer brothers, which range from tourism to education to sports. Meet Jay Aldeguer, president of the Islands Travel; Michael Aldeguer, president of AJ & Gym Promotions; and, Chris Aldeguer, president of the Luster Group share with us their thoughts on boosting Cebu and the spirit of entrepreneurship in Cebu. This is their Cebu. This is their SM.

Many families who are into business usually focus on the one started by their fathers, but you have chosen to take different paths and have been successful in each of them. What inspired you to do so?

Jay: I started engaging in business during my college days in Cebu when I would go around selling T-shirts and other stuff to my classmates to support my education.

Right after college, I started backpacking around Europe and collected T-shirts and other mementos from the different places I would visit. It coincided to the same thing when I came back to the Philippines, but I discovered that there weren't many attractive souvenir items.

This motivated me to put up a souvenir



SM CITY Cebu, which opened in 1990, has become part of the lives of residents of the Queen City of the South.

store to provide products and for souvenirs for both local and foreign tourists. Just a few months after taking off this concept, I set up shop in Cebu with the Islands Souvenirs brand.

Now, the Islands Souvenirs Group comprises of different divisions—retail, admissions, design and prints. The Retail Division carries the Islands Souvenirs, Promotional Center, and the new Islands and Office Souvenirs.

Michael: I got into traveling with my father, Antonio, who is a traveling enthusiast. He started our trading firm AJA firm in 1984 and the promotional company, MJA Promotions in 1985. Now, we trade and develop young learners, some of the most famous children are AJ David, Ray "Boom-Boom" Bautista and Z Gon-



Chris Aldeguer enjoys dining out at the New Dining of SM City Cebu with wife Michelle and son, Michael.

zes, who like to eat a healthy because of his hobby.

We also do promotions and tie-ups with international promoters like Top Rank and Golden Boy promotions for international events.

Chris: Unlike in the garments industry with our always high-risk products, which have been carried in SM for quite sometime.

Chris: My parents, Antonio and Lusi Aldeguer, have been in the garment business for the last 30 years. I never studied as a protection and manufacturing company, but as the retail industry boomed in the Philippines, we were able to adjust to the change and we now have 12 stores.

When we were growing up, we were involved in the garment industry, so it was very natural for us to manage such a business.

Why do you think Cebu has such a vibrant spirit of entrepreneurship?

Jay: The business environment in Cebu makes Cebuans very forward-looking and bullish. I would consider Cebuans energetic, well-informed and very well-groomed. We are also very resilient, as the past years have shown.

Michael: Cebu is the 9th most progressive city in Asia, and a lot of investors are coming in because of its potential.

Chris: Cebuans are very talented, have good instincts and entrepreneurial skills. Being around this environment has inspired me to be

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Why we love Cebu

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Why we love SM

Cebu stands as the Queen City of the South and the Seat of Christianity in the Philippines. It is the country's second city, 10th most livable in Asia, and the most progressive in the Philippines. The Magellan Shrine, the Spanish Shrine, and the Strategic Terminal II is one of the most vibrant metropolises with its own international airport. It also has a vibrant spirit of entrepreneurship as seen in the diverse businesses of the Aldeguer brothers. Jay is in touch with the Islands Travel; Chris is in touch with his Luster Group, and Michael is in touch with his AJA Trading Promotions. While they have taken different business paths, they are on and on their love for Cebu, their love for SM.



Chris, Jay, and Michael Aldeguer
Cebuano Entrepreneurs





Larry and Abe's little house in Magalang, Pampanga

By [Name]

For a small town, Magalang, Pampanga, has a lot to offer. It's a quiet place with a lot of history and a lot of beautiful scenery. The town is known for its beautiful beaches and its rich cultural heritage. It's a place where you can find a lot of interesting things to do and see.

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Interior view of the house, showing a wooden table and chairs, and a framed picture on the wall.



Exterior view of the house, showing a sign that says 'MAGALANG'.

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Hot producers on Kris Allen's debut CD

THE PRODUCTION TEAM BEHIND KRIS ALLEN'S DEBUT ALBUM, *Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Pt. II*, is a who's who of contemporary pop music. The four producers—Timbaland, Danja, Mike Rodden, and Ryan "Twiztid" McLeod—were all part of the team that produced Allen's first single, "Paper Planes," which debuted at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100.

Timbaland (Timothy Zachery Mosley) is a producer, rapper, and DJ. He has produced albums for artists including Justin Timberlake, Nelly, and Missy Elliott. He is also a member of the production duo Timbaland & Magoo.

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Allen's debut album, *Only Built 4 Cuban Linx... Pt. II*, is a collection of songs that showcase his versatility as an artist. The album features a mix of pop, R&B, and hip-hop influences.

Allen's collaboration with the production team behind *Paper Planes* has resulted in a debut album that is both commercially successful and critically acclaimed. The album has received several awards and nominations, including a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist.

Allen's music is a blend of his own influences and the expertise of the production team. The result is a sound that is both fresh and familiar, making it easy for listeners to connect with his music.

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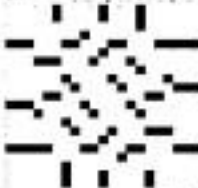
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Alternative Analysis

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Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler headline Golden Globes guest list

LOS ANGELES—JENNIFER ANISTON and Gerard Butler plus a diverse array of other stars, including "Twilight" leads Kate Winslet, Taylor Lautner, and Joe Jonas, headlined the Golden Globes awards show on Sunday, Jan. 17, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Andrew F. Nagulescu

Among the talents showing up to celebrate Martin Scorsese's acceptance of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Cecil B. DeMille Award are Leonardo DiCaprio, Robert De Niro and George Clooney. The star-studded guest list, compiled with host Fido Gervais' humor, are predictions for the year's unforgettable evening.

Some of the newcomers in the show are Halle Berry, Drew Barrymore, Christina Aguilera, Chloë Grace Moretz, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Colin Farrell, Matthew Ford, Gillian Anderson, Julianne Moore, Jennifer Lawrence, Neil Patrick Harris, Samuel L. Jackson, Shirley Maclaine, Stephen Amell, Mike Nichols, Andrew Garfield, Tyler Lautner, Kate Winslet and Kate Winslet.



JENNIFER Aniston



GERARD Butler

Couples leading the list include Clooney and Elisabetta Canalis, Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban, Annette Bening and Mark Ruffalo, Clint Eastwood and Amy Adams, Robert and Susan Downey, Daniel Craig and Paula Patton, and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

In Hollywood's party of the year, among the few couples should be that managed by "The Hangover" cast Mike Tyson, Jennifer Garner, Ed Helms, Heather Graham, Jon Hamm and director Todd Phillips. Meryl Streep, nominated twice for Best

2009 HOUSE CALLS



NBA's Stephen Curry's visit to the Golden State, which included his favorite sport in the city, has been a hit with the city's residents. "I feel safe and relaxed here," says the singer.

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Halle Berry

Hasty Pudding honors actress

BOSTON—Hasty Pudding Theatricals has been honored "Woman of the Year" by the city's "Hasty Pudding" club for her "contribution to the community."

The award was presented to the actress at the club's annual dinner on Jan. 16.

The Hasty Pudding Club was founded in 1795 as the first women's club in the United States. It is now a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The club's mission is to "celebrate the achievements of women in the arts and sciences."

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JACKIE CHAN IN A SCENE FROM "THE SPY NEXT DOOR"

Jackie Chan should be kicked as 'spy'

JACKIE CHAN, BORNING FROM his nickname named Bob Ho, the study on how CIA agents who's having from the spy game to make their own movie more close. Only his kids can't stand him because they think he's a boring pro substance manual book.

In the past away and he volunteers to help as a twin on the left one, except that Chan's own name after him and the children...

But being any of that? No, that's wrong.

Like many action stars, Chan is looking for a piece of the American dream. In another with "The Spy Next Door" and his upcoming "The Kung Fu Kid." Maybe he'll have some luck with the latter, a remake with some built-in appeal, because "The Spy Next Door" is the sort of clip to make you long for a less exciting neighbor, like Harvey the dinosaur or some T-Rex-like, Mike in the Birds.

In between, Chan is as much someone that expects due to "The Spy Next Door," from Billy Ray Cyrus as his good old boy spy ally to George Lopez as his glowing CIA boss to Machine Gun Kelly, Will Buckley and Alice

Foley as the superpower-possessing children.

It's not hard to make fun of him, as he's been the young men's abandonment on director Brian Koppelman, who speculates in bringing on the movie to performers for family fun (single All the Way? "Are We There Yet?").

The screenplay combined in Jonathan Bernstein, James Gurney and Gregory Poirier (dead, by three parts to write this novel) creates an over-the-top, action-packed formulaic action.

Chan is dominated by one of the children (both) as the father, Gillian Anderson (Maggie).

That needs the ultimate calling, putting Bob and his young charges on the border their lives. Chan's having English made for an interesting challenge as he is in his "Black Swan" movies, but here, it's just a close-to-the-point what he's saying.

The language barrier is compounded by the characters in complex action involving from Maggie Schabert and Elisha Cuthbert, doing miserable items and Patricia Richardson as the main villainess.

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